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In response to the Office Action dated April 11, 2006, applicants submit the following remarks.

Claims 1 and 3-6 are pending in the present application.

The undersigned wishes to thank the Examiner for his time discussing the present application on the telephone. In that conversation it was clarified that the Examiner intends to cite "Warehime" everywhere "Chalmer" is cited in item 2 of the Final Office Action and "Chalmers" everywhere "Warehime" is cited in item 4.

The Examiner rejects claims 1, 4, and 5 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,782,673, to Warehime. In the telephone conversation with the Examiner, it was discussed that claim 1 recites in part, including its preamble, a mixing tube for use in a high-pressure fluid jet system, comprising, a collar rigidly fixed to an outer surface of